

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to recognize Martha Taylor on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Martha Taylor, who served with distinction for more than forty years as an employee of the Town of Huntingdon and who took her much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Martha Taylor began working for the Finance Department of the Town of Huntingdon in 1970 during the administration of Mayor Wilburn Jolly; she subsequently worked with Mayors Lee Chance, Bill Stout, Jesse Pinckley, Waldon White, and the current mayor, Dale Kelly; and

WHEREAS, for the last twenty-one years, Mrs. Taylor held the title of town recorder and served as finance director, working with the department heads to fund what was needed for each department; during her career, she worked on many projects that upgraded the police and fire departments and improved the town's infrastructure, making Huntingdon a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, as steward of Huntingdon's finances, Martha Taylor kept tabs on the budgets for Huntingdon's major construction projects, including the Kelley Sports Complex, completed in 1999; The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, completed in November 2005; the Carroll County 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake, completed in March 2013; and the new city hall, completed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, an important part of her community and her profession, Mrs. Taylor was named Carroll Countian of the Year by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; the mayor

and council named the entrance to the drive-through window at the new city hall "Martha Taylor Way" and presented her with the Pinnacle of Excellence Award, the highest honor the town bestows on a resident; and

WHEREAS, Martha Taylor is most grateful for the love and support she shares with her three children, Chad Taylor, Vicki Williams, and Jenny Smith, and her seven grandchildren, Remington, Kaylee, and Lillian Taylor, Taylor McCarty and Ava Williams, and Emma and Beau Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Martha Taylor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Martha Taylor our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.